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ONE OF THE PC CARDS TO THE APPARATUS

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 26, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims section which begins on page 3.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 19 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 20 of this paper.

A new sheet of drawings for Figure 15 is attached hereto as Exhibit A.